

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 5, 2003
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Degginger, and Councilmembers Creighton and Davidson

ABSENT: Councilmembers Lee, Mosher, and Noble

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, Councilmembers Lee, Mosher, and Noble were absent. Dr. Davidson led the flag salute.

(a) Proclamation of May as Older Americans Month

Mayor Marshall read a proclamation recognizing May as Older Americans Month and the week of May 11-17 as Senior Center Week. She thanked the North Bellevue Senior Advisory Board for their public service: Christina Berry, Carol Bricel, Max Carpenter, Hap Hazard, Howard Katz, and Dave Lingenfelter.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Gail Wolz thanked Mayor Marshall for signing the World Laughter Day proclamation and presented clown noses to Council. She invited the public to weekly 30-minute laughter fitness sessions at the First Presbyterian Church Community Center beginning at noon on Thursday, May 8. Ms. Wolz expressed concern about the Charter Now initiative. She praised the City's leaders, well-managed departments, vision, and efficiency and discouraged a change when things are working well.

(b) Stu Vander Hoek, President of Eastside Heritage Center, said he looks forward to continuing the Center's positive relationship with the City with the new lease opportunity for the Paxton House. He thanked Parks Department staff for their support and assistance.

Mayor Marshall thanked Mr. Vander Hoek for his leadership. She noted that Eastside Heritage Center volunteers will provide 720 hours of community service in exchange for deferred rent on the Paxton House.

- (c) Arlene Darby expressed concern about the Charter Now initiative. She discussed the basic need for two-way communication and connection within the community in order to work together to face challenges. She feels two-way communication enables people to confront, clarify, and collaborate on issues. Ms. Darby is concerned that citizens are not connecting and striving for understanding in their discussions about the charter city initiative. She is not convinced a change would be for the better and noted the City's many awards for its programs and management. Ms. Darby encouraged citizens to discuss priorities and concerns with Council on Monday nights and in other forums.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Steve Sarkozy noted three Consent Calendar items related to transportation projects, which together reflect costs that are 18 percent below the engineer's estimates for a savings of approximately \$621,000. The 156th Avenue NE project described in item 8(e) will enhance pedestrian and vehicle safety, widen sidewalks, improve lighting, and add mid-block pedestrian crossings. The project was initiated in 1999 and the project scope was subsequently expanded based on public involvement in the planning process. The project includes federal funding of approximately \$750,000.

Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran said City Council has been asked to send a letter to the State Park Commission in support of an agreement between the Bridle Trails Park Foundation and the Park Commission to raise funds for the park. He asked Council to consider this issue at the May 12 regular meeting. Mayor Marshall thanked the Bridle Trails community for its efforts to support the park.

Mr. Sarkozy announced the City is the recipient of the Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association's 2003 *Public Works Project of the Year* award for the 140th Avenue project. More details will be provided at an upcoming meeting. Mayor Marshall encouraged staff to invite residents who were instrumental in the planning of that project.

6. Council Business

[Council Business was discussed in the earlier Study Session.]

7. Approval of the Agenda

- ➡ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.

- ➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 4-0.

8. Consent Calendar

- ➡ Mr. Creighton moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Mr. Degginger seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 4-0, and the following items were approved:
 - (a) Minutes of April 14, 2003 Extended Study Session
Minutes of April 21, 2003 Study Session
Minutes of April 21, 2003 Regular Session
 - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending April 25, 2003, and payroll for the period April 1 through April 15, 2003.
 - (c) Resolution No. 6849 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement to continue participation in the newly updated Regional Disaster Plan for public and private organizations in King County.
 - (d) Resolution No. 6850 authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Eastside Heritage Center for lease of a portion of the historic Paxton property located at 11660 Main Street.
 - (e) Motion to award Bid No. 0304, for road improvements to 156th Avenue NE, NE 8th Street to Northup Way, in the *Crossroads neighborhood*, to Gary Merlino Construction Co., Inc. as low bidder in the amount of \$1,918,637.95. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-107)
 - (f) Motion to award Bid No. 0305 for installation of a new sidewalk on the north side of SE 22nd Street between 150th Avenue SE and 154th Avenue SE in the *East Lake Hills neighborhood* to Division 2 Construction as low bidder in the amount of \$154,147.56. (CIP Plan Nos. NEP-1 and PW-W/B-56)
 - (g) Motion to award Bid No. 0323, to construct 800 lineal feet of entry roadway and associated parking lot modifications on the SE 28th Street Extension and BCC Parking Lot #7, to Gary Merlino Construction Company, Inc. as low bidder in the amount of \$1,331,088.58. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-144)
(The City's construction of this project is included in terms of the Interlocal Agreement with BCC negotiated as part of the 148th Avenue SE Project.)
 - (h) Resolution No. 6851 authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to compensate the property owner for property damages resulting from construction of a driveway at 13017 SE Newport Way in the amount of \$28,456. The driveway reconstruction was part of the construction project, CIP No. PW-R-108, Newport Way (129th Avenue SE to Somerset Boulevard).

- (i) Resolution No. 6852 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with King County Department of Transportation for the Commute Trip Reduction program known as Club R.
 - (j) Motion to award Bid No. 0303, Valley Creek Restoration Project, to Restoration Logistics of Seattle as low bidder in the amount of \$58,198. (CIP Plan No. D-86, Utility Capital Investment Program Fund 4690)
(The City has received a grant for \$64,800 to repair damage to Valley Creek caused by WSDOT erosion control problems.)
 - (k) Resolution No. 6853 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Penhallegon Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. (PACE) for engineering design and construction services for Coal Creek Utility District/Bellevue Master Meter Project, in the amount of \$91,754.
(Required as part of the Coal Creek Utility District Assumption Settlement Agreement)
 - (l) Resolution No. 6854 authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City an agreement to relinquish a portion of certain water pipeline easement rights along 148th Avenue NE that are no longer needed by the City.
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions
- (a) Ordinance No. 5443 granting Puget Sound Energy, Inc. the right, privilege, authority, and franchise to set, erect, construct, support, attach, connect, and stretch facilities in, upon, under, along, and across the franchise area for purposes of transmission, distribution, and sale of electrical energy for power, heat, light, and any other purpose for which such energy can be used.

David Kerr, Franchise Manager, recalled staff's presentation of the new Puget Sound Energy electric franchise agreement and associated memoranda of understanding at the April 28 Council meeting. The renewal was negotiated during the past 18 months to incorporate Council's priorities to: 1) improve reliability and performance, 2) establish relocation responsibilities for City projects, 3) develop an underground program, 4) secure City network facilities, and 5) develop a vegetation management plan.

- ☛ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5443, and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.

Mr. Degginger is pleased with the franchise renewal. He feels the agreement responds to concerns raised by residents such as electrical outages. The agreement contains dispute resolution provisions that will enable the City to address issues throughout the term of the

franchise. Mr. Degginger thanked Mr. Kerr, Transportation Assistant Director Nora Johnson, and Transportation Director Goran Sparrman for their hard work.

Dr. Davidson thanked staff for their work and responsiveness to Council's concerns.

Mayor Marshall thanked Puget Sound Energy for working with the City. She values PSE's corporate headquarters in Bellevue.

➡ The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5443 carried by a vote of 4-0.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications

(a) Arlene Darby suggested the City Manager, Councilmembers, and staff participate in neighborhood meetings on a quarterly basis throughout the community. She noted concerns in other cities, including Seattle, about the strong-mayor form of government and encouraged enhanced two-way communication within Bellevue.

14. New business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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